



*Resolution by the Board of Directors of the
California Exposition and State Fair*

Honoring Mr. Larry Davis

Whereas, Mr. Larry Davis served his family, community and profession until his passing on April 7, 2006; and

Whereas, all who knew Larry Davis will attest that he was a kind and compassionate person admired and respected by his family, colleagues and friends; and

Whereas, throughout a dedicated, successful and distinguished career as owner of Carnival Time Shows, Larry Davis was an industry legend and served the Fair Industry with class and dignity and always true to his primary objective: to serve the public; and

Whereas, Larry Davis and Carnival Time Shows were the carnival operator at the California State Fair for more than 25 years dating back to the Fairgrounds on Stockton Boulevard providing invaluable contributions to the betterment of the State Fair and the Fair industry; and

Whereas, in 1996, the Board of Directors presented Larry and Jo Ann Davis with the "Golden Bear Award", the highest honor bestowed by the Board on an individual or organization; and

Whereas, in 2001, Larry Davis was appointed to the California Exposition and State Fair Board of Directors by Assembly Speaker Robert M. Hertzberg and reappointed by Assembly Speaker Herb J. Wesson, Jr. serving until 2005; and

Whereas, during Larry's tenure on the Board, he was a genuinely dedicated and committed public servant providing unique and creative ways to improve the quality of programs and services; and

Whereas, in 2002 Larry Davis formed the non profit "California State Fair Memorial Plaza Foundation" for the purpose of erecting a permanent memorial to the September 11, 2001 tragedy; and

Whereas, in Larry Davis' own words, "I was filled with a desire to build a memorial so people would never forget those people who worked very hard saving the lives they could, and of course to pay respect to all those who perished"; and

Whereas, Larry Davis' tireless efforts and tremendous financial contributions has resulted in a Memorial Plaza that shall serve as a reminder as America's price of freedom; and

Whereas, Larry Davis' myriad of contributions to the State Fair, and the carnival and fair industry were significant, far-reaching and will forever resonate; and

Whereas, on March 24, 2006, the Board of Directors by unanimous vote, approved the permanent installation of a plaque recognizing the considerable contributions of Larry Davis to the California State Fair Memorial Plaza; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the California Exposition and State Fair Board of Directors does hereby express its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Larry Davis, his friends and loved ones.

Approved and adopted this 25th day of April, 2006.

Kathy Nakase, Chair

Board of Directors

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